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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Before taking up this case for examination please enter the following amendment.

In the disclosure

B₁ Page 1, before line 1 insert --This is a continuation in part of application Ser. No. 08/659,961, filed on June 7, 1996 (now abandoned), which was a continuation of Ser. No. 08/269,150 filed on June 30, 1994 (now abandoned), which was a continuation of application Ser. No. PCT/HU/93/00051, filed on September 8, 1993 (now abandoned).--

In the claims

Replace claims 2 and 13, with the following claims:

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- 2 ~~14.~~ A process for obtaining mevinolin by culturing a fungal biomass of
3 an *Aspergillus* strain in a culture medium and containing assimilable sources of
4 carbon, nitrogen and inorganic substances at conditions suitable for the production
5 of mevinolin, consisting essentially of the following steps,
6 (a) adjusting the pH of the culture medium to between about 7.5 and about 10 to
7 dissolve mevinolin from the fungal biomass of the *Aspergillus* strain into the
fermentation liquor,